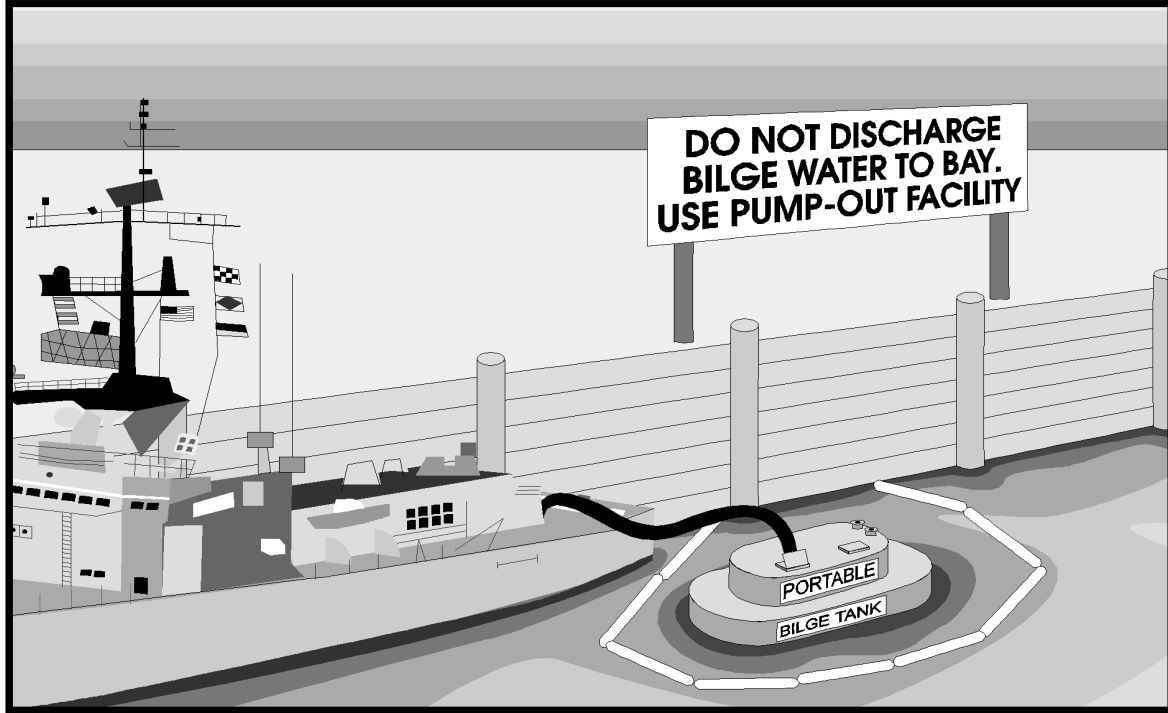


BMP 076 - Do Not Discharge Bilge Water in Harbor



Description of Potential Pollutant and Source: Bilge water (sump water collected in the ship bottom) can contain a variety of pollutants, especially oil and grease. Water from throughout the ship, including the engine room, collects in the bilge.

Description of BMP: Eliminating the discharge of bilge water reduces the chances of oil and fuel reaching storm water. This wastewater will be pumped to wastewater treatment facilities whenever this service is available.

Application Guidance: This practice will be followed for all watercraft.

Training: Signs will be posted as reminders.

Effectiveness and Cost: This is a highly effective, variable-cost BMP.

Limitations: Sometimes discharge of bilge water in the harbor may be necessary for proper use of the ship.